

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“~~—~~”) being deleted:

1. – 2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently amended) The container of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 7, wherein the outer shell has a lid and at least one opening for providing access to the interior, the lid being movable between an open position and a closed position, in the closed position the outer shell encasing the interior, in the open position the lid providing access to the interior.

4. (Currently amended) The container of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 7, wherein the outer shell and the insulating material comprise the bio-based polyurethane, the polyurethane being configured with a foamed portion and a hardened outer skin, the insulating material corresponding to the foamed portion, the outer shell corresponding to the hardened outer skin.

5. (Currently amended) The container of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 7, wherein the outer shell comprises cardboard.

6. (Currently amended) The container of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 7, wherein the outer shell, the insulating material, and the temperature-maintaining material are biodegradable.

7. (Currently amended) ~~The A container of claim 2~~ for storing an item comprising:
an insulating material defining an interior, the insulating material comprising a bio-
based polyurethane;
a temperature-maintaining material disposed within the interior, the temperature-
maintaining material being arranged to maintain a temperature of an item placed with the
interior; and
an outer shell located about at least a portion of the exterior of the insulating material,
wherein the outer shell is a portion of a vehicle.
8. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the temperature-maintaining material comprises a super-absorbent.
9. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the bio-based polyurethane comprises starch.
10. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the bio-based polyurethane comprises limestone.
11. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the bio-based polyurethane comprises vegetable oil.
12. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the bio-based polyurethane comprises castor oil.

13. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the bio-based polyurethane comprises soybean oil.
14. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the bio-based polyurethane comprises palm oil.
15. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the bio-based polyurethane comprises peanut oil.
16. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the bio-based polyurethane comprises rap seed oil.
17. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the bio-based polyurethane comprises cotton seed oil.
18. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the bio-based polyurethane comprises sunflower oil.
19. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the bio-based polyurethane comprises linseed oil.
20. (Currently amended) The container of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the bio-based polyurethane comprises lard.

21. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
providing a container, the container having:
an insulating material defining an interior, the insulating material comprising a bio-based polyurethane; and
a temperature-maintaining material disposed within the interior, the temperature-maintaining material being arranged to maintain a temperature of an item placed with the interior,
wherein, in providing a container, the container is a portion of a vehicle that is operative to transport the container with the item stored therein.
22. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
placing an item within the interior of the container.
23. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising:
transporting the container with the item stored therein.
24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
freezing the temperature-maintaining material prior to transporting the container with the item stored therein.
25. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein, in transporting the container, the container is transported via ground transportation.
26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
cooling the transport volume.

27. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein:
the method additionally comprises providing a refrigeration unit; and
cooling the transport volume is accomplished using the refrigeration unit.
28. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein, in transporting the container, the container is located within in a transport volume, the transport volume being defined, at least in part, by an insulating material comprising a bio-based polyurethane.
29. (Canceled).
30. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein at least a portion of the temperature –
maintaining material is air; and
further comprising cooling at least a portion of the air during transport.
31. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein, in providing the container, the container is manufactured in a vicinity of the item.